

## **Essex County Sheriff's Department to Host Regional K9 Competition**

## Saturday, June 23 & Sunday, June 24, 8am – 4pm Danvers High School, 60 Cabot Road, Danvers

The Essex County Sheriff's Department will be hosting the **2012 United States Police Canine Association Region Four's Canine Certification Trials.** These trials are held each year, and are hosted by different cities throughout New England.

The trials consist of testing police dogs for certification under the national rules of the U.S.P.C.A. These K9 teams will be tested in obedience, agility, suspect search, evidence recovery and apprehension of felons. The trials are

held for two days, and the public is welcome for all phases on both days.

Sheriff Frank G. Cousins, Jr. and the K9 Unit of the Essex County Sheriff's Department are proud to be hosting this event. It is a wonderful way to bring departments together from all over New England.

The ECSD K9 Unit, under the direction of Captain Shane Ehlers, has 18 K9 teams. These teams work diligently year-round to assist other law enforcement agencies

and serve the 34 cities and towns of Essex County.

Other supporters of the 2012 United States Police Canine Association Region Four's Canine Certification Trials include:

State Line Pet Supply The Canine Barkery Henry's Market

Ma Vest-A-Dog Rehab Five Nutra-9

The Dog Spa Bribet Police Supply Von derSonburg German Shephard Kennels

NaphCare Aramark Slobbah Jaws Dog Treats

Danvers Kiwanis will be donating cooking staff, and refreshments will be available for purchase.